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In my garden Roses bloom,
Fleur de lis and Lilies white;
Sweet old-fashioned Pinks of June,
Pæonies and Pansies bright.
Bees and butterflies are there,
Seeking sweetness all day long;
Bobolinks and Orioles
Enchant the day with song;
Nature's harp is now atune,—
It is June! O, lovely June!

BURBANK'S SHASTA DAISY.

THE Shasta Daisy is a hybrid obtained by crossing and recrossing various species of *Chrysanthemum*, as C.

Maximum, C. Uliginosum and C. Nipponicum, the result being a plant of vigorous growth, bearing very large Marguerite Daisies, white with a golden eye, borne on long, stiff stems throughout the greater part of the season, and especially handsome during the autumn, when many of the garden flowers have been destroyed by frosts. The plants are perfectly hardy, and last for years, each plant forming, under favorable conditions, a globular mass of bloom, as represented in the engraving.

This flower is the result of experiments made by Mr. Luther Burbank, the plant specialist of California, and was named for the snow-capped Mt. Shasta, on account of its lustrous white bloom. It has been enthusiastically praised by many persons, and the following extracts may be of interest:

"Last year Mr. Burbank gave to the world this child of his heart and brain, (the Shasta Daisy). It is a hardy perennial, blooming in California nine months of the year. The foliage grows near the ground. The flowers are large and graceful, and have three or more rows of petals of purest glis-

ting white, borne on long, wiry stems two feet in length. The flowers often measure four or more inches across. They have a charming effect in the garden, and are invaluable for cut flowers, and keeping two weeks in water."—Mrs. Shepherd, Cal.

"Probably no hardy plant has ever been so highly spoken of in the American Horticultural Press as this production of Luther Burbank. This we consider the first of all Moon-penny Daisies. The flowers are of the snowiest white, with yellow centers, large and graceful, and produced in countless numbers on long, strong stems, making it a valuable cut flower. It is perennial, absolutely hardy, and blooms the first season from seeds."—Henry A. Dreer, Philadelphia.

"The Shasta Daisy will produce four times as much bloom as any other variety, and when cut this will remain in a fresh condition for fully a fortnight, which makes it a unique flower for decoration. Plants will bloom in six months from time the seed

is sown, while the varieties of C. Maxima will only bloom the second year from seed. The Shasta Daisy will succeed in any soil, and is perfectly hardy. It is perennial, blooming better and more abundantly each season."—Robert Holmes, Eng.

"I have watched the development of the Shasta Daisy in Mr. Burbank's grounds for several years past, and pronounce it the best white flower for the garden and house decoration which I have ever seen. It is worthy of all the praise bestowed upon it."—Carl Purdy, California.

The fact that this flower is so well spoken of indicates its high value as a garden and cut flower, and those who are fond of the Marguerite will find the Shasta Daisy more than satisfactory. It

deserves at least a fair trial.

Primroses.—The time to sow seeds of Primroses—Chinese, Stellata, Obconica and Forbesi for winter blooming is during June and July. Plants started during these months will be vigorous and of blooming size by December 1st, and will bloom freely throughout winter and early spring. Do not let the plants crowd in the seed box, and transplant as soon as large enough.



SHASTA DAISY.

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Editorial.

AMPELOPSIS VEITCHI.

THIS vine, popularly known as Boston Ivy, is a near relative of our common Woodbine, and is said to be perfectly hardy. Its hardiness is often doubted, however, as it is not unusual for it to die down or freeze out entirely in an exposed situation when young. In the city where considerable heat is generated, and the protection of heated walls is afforded, the vine is generally hardy. In the country, in our northern States, the vine will withstand the winter only when well established and in a sheltered place. Where this vine is not hardy the common *Ampelopsis quinquefolia* can be used, the chief difference in the vines being the smaller leaves of *A. Veitchi*. Both have dense foliage, both change to crimson in autumn, and both cling to walls, trees or buildings and are vigorous and healthy. They grow from seeds but are sometimes tardy in starting.

Jacobeian Lily.—The *Amaryllis formosissima* or Jacobean Lily blooms well whenever the bulbs are large and well matured, whether in pots or bedded out. It likes a light, porous soil, as chip dirt, and to cure well should be well exposed to the sun during the ripening period.

Pruning Lilac.—The Lilac should be pruned immediately after the flowers fade. Remove all the flower panicles and cut out superfluous and weak branches. This will insure a fine setting of buds for next season.

FOR POT CULTURE.

VERY many annuals do well in pots. *Ageratum*, *Alyssum*, *Alonsoa*, Dwarf *Antirrhinum*, *Asters*, *Balsams*, *Browallia*, *Double Daisy*, *Hebenstreitia*, *Impatiens*, *Kenilworth Ivy*, *Lobelia*, *Mignonette*, *Mimulus*, *Petunias*, *Stocks*, *Wallflowers*, *Vinca rosea*, *Virginian Stocks*, *Abutilon*, *Begonias*, *Carnations*, *Campanula pyramidalis*, *Cineraria*, *Coleus*, *Heliotrope*, *Lantana*, *Primroses*, *Smilax*, *Torenia*, and *Tecoma Smithi*. For winter-blooming the best of the above are *Browallia*, *Daisy*, *Impatiens*, *Lobelia*, *Vinca rosea*, and *Primroses*. These are almost sure to bloom throughout the winter if strong seedling plants come into bloom just before winter sets in. They should be grown in pots, shifted into larger pots as the plants advance. The time to start these plants is during June or July, if not already started. They often do better if seeds are sown during these months than if sown earlier. For winter blooming plants are economically started from seeds, and there is a fascination in watching the plants develop from the tiny seedlings to the blooming specimen.

Chrysanthemums and Mildew.—A sister at Dorchester Station complains that her *Chrysanthemum* plants all became affected by mildew last autumn, just after bringing them into the house, and all the buds dropped. Probably the weather was cold and damp, and the plants were in a draught of air after they were housed. Bright sunshine and dry air mostly eradicate mildew, especially if sulphur fumes in very moderate quantity can be well diffused in the air. Boiling sulphur in water upon the stove will purify the air, killing all plant and animal germs that may be in it. Avoid overdoing the application, however, as too much sulphur in the shape of fumes will destroy human as well as other life. In the conservatory or greenhouse painting the hot water pipes with sulphur and water is an effectual remedy for mildew.

Lilac.—When the Lilac fails to bloom give it a sunny place and apply to the soil a liberal dressing of sand and bone-dust. In the West, in sections where the soil is highly charged with natural alkali, it is not uncommon for Lilacs to be sterile. The action of quick-lime, although alkaline in character is often found beneficial in bringing the soil into healthy action, and developing buds and flowers.

Spotted Calla Seeding.—The spotted *Calla* often bears seeds. If the pods are cut when the seeds are ripe they will keep for some weeks, and the seeds can be planted before they become dried out, in which case they will promptly germinate. If dried they will grow, but not so freely.

HOUSE ROSES.

ONLY a few Roses are suitable for blooming in the house, and these should be grown, to the exclusion of others which produce only foliage. *Hermosa*, pink; *Clotilde Soupert*, peachy white; *Arch Duke Charles*, variegated rose and crimson; *Queen's Scarlet*, *Francisca Kruger*, yellow; and *Pink Daily*, pink, all do well in the house in a sunny window in winter, if specially prepared and grown during summer. Young plants should be procured in early summer and grown in pots, shifting to larger pots as soon as the roots begin to crowd. Avoid blooming till winter, then let the buds develop, and a fine display will be obtained. These Roses are not subject to mildew or disease, and if chopped tobacco stems are placed over the soil in the pots insects will not trouble them. As soon as a branch blooms cut it back, and encourage the growth of new branches, as it is on those that the buds are produced. Keep the atmosphere moist, to prevent an attack of the spiders. Water occasionally with weak manure water. With suitable varieties and these simple directions faithfully carried out there need be no complaint about failure with Roses in window culture.

Jerusalem Cherry.—The Jerusalem Cherry is a very decorative plant of easy culture. Started from seeds in the spring the growth is vigorous and bushy, and by winter specimens well set with orange



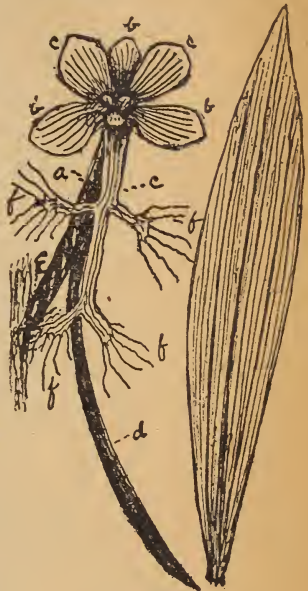
JERUSALEM CHERRY.

scarlet fruit, as shown in the engraving, are readily produced. The improved race known as *Wetherill's hybrids* is very desirable, the plants being compact in habit, and very free-blooming. They remain fresh in foliage, and attractive in fruit the entire winter.

AN ORCHID.

AN ORCHID is a plant belonging to the Natural Order, *Orchidaceæ*.

Plants of this order are perennial herbs with fleshy roots, and simple, smooth margined, parallel-veined leaves; flowers irregular, the three petaloid sepals mostly colored, and one of the three petals odd, sometimes lobed and sometimes spurred. This odd petal, often called the lip, is naturally the upper one of the three, but in reality it is the lower one because of a half twist in the stem-like ovary. Four chief characteristics of an Orchid are: 1st, fleshy roots; 2nd, parallel-veined leaves;



ORCHID.

3rd, irregular flowers with large, odd petals; 4th, semi-twisted ovary. Almost anyone can distinguish a member of this family by these four points.

[NOTE.—A leaf and flower of *Orchis (Habenaria) leucophæa*, are shown in the engraving. A is the twisted ovary, b the three sepals, c petals, the odd petal showing fringed lobes as at f, and its long spur, d. This is one of our native Orchids, hardy and easily removed from its wild haunts to the garden.]

Amaryllis Johnsoni.—This bulb should be repotted just after blooming, or if it does not bloom repot it as soon as growth begins. Use a soil composed of rotted sods, leaf-mould and sand, equal parts, with good drainage. Toward winter let the soil almost dry out, and give a sunny place, to mature the bulbs. Keep in this condition the latter part of January, then begin to water and in a little while the flower buds will begin to show.

Azaleas.—It is better to buy these already budded or in bloom in early spring each season. Such plants are grown under the most favorable conditions by Holland or Belgium specialists, and are in the highest state of perfection. It hardly pays to trouble with them afterwards as window plants, as they frequently yield only leaves.

Gourds.—These will do well in some places, especially in the South if started as late as June, but in the North it is better to start most of the kinds in May or earlier to have fruit ripen in autumn.

WINDOW BOX.

A GOOD window box may be made of inch boards, the ends well secured by strips of tin, to prevent spreading. The size of the box will depend upon the window. A box six by eight inches inside, and as long as the window will accommodate will generally be found satisfactory. To give it a finished appearance tack some moulding along the margins, and give the whole a coat of paint, such as you may fancy. If placed in a sunny exposure the compact bedding *Petunias* will be showy and easily grown plants that will bear the sun well, and thrive and bloom freely even when somewhat neglected. *Lobb's Nasturtiums*, *Portulaca*, and *Phlox Drummondii* also do well. If the place is much shaded the *Kenilworth Ivy* will grow freely and droop gracefully over the edges, while *Mimulus*, *Myosotis* and *Dwarf Nasturtiums* will bloom well as upright plants. Keep well watered, applying the water in the evening. Tobacco dust about the plants will enrich the soil and prevent an attack of insects.

Tydaea.—This is a genus of *Gesneriaceae* plants, having "Caterpillar-like" bulbs and tubular, *Gloxinia*-like flowers. Five of these tubers may be placed in a six-inch pot of chip dirt and sand, covered an inch deep, and kept moderately watered and partially shaded. Place cut tobacco around the plants to keep off insects. Apply water without drenching the foliage. After blooming gradually withhold water and let the soil dry out, then set the pots with their contents away in a dark, rather warm room till you wish to start them again, when they should be shook out and repotted.

Stephanotis Floribunda.—This is a climbing shrub from Madagascar, with leathery leaves and clusters of very fragrant, pure white flowers. It is propagated from cuttings of the previous year's wood placed in sandy potting soil and kept at a temperature of sixty degrees. When rooted they should be given plenty of room. Fine specimens are grown in tubs two or three feet in diameter, using turfy loam, manure and sand as a compost. The plants like a warm, moist temperature, but are of easy culture. Water sparingly in winter.

Little Gem Calla.—This *Calla* is greatly complained of for its failure to bloom. Success with it is rare. Those who are not satisfied with it after repeated trials might as well discard it and let its place be occupied with one of the dwarf, free-blooming fragrant *Callas* from the Azore Islands. Life is too short to waste in endless attempts to grow doubtful plants, when the really good and reliable ones are so easily and cheaply obtained.

SMALL SEEDLINGS.

SEEDS of *Begonia*, *Gloxinia*, *Gesneria*, *Achimenes* and *Streptocarpus* are very small, and the seedling plants are at first scarcely more than discernible by the human eye. The seeds must be sown in pressed rows made on finely screened, well formed soil. Do not cover them. Sow in earthen pans or pots, and moisten by placing in saucers of water, letting the water enter through the pores of the pot and drainage holes, and draw up through the soil. Cover the vessel with a board until germination takes place, then give a shady, well lighted place, but avoid direct sunshine, except during morning and evening, also direct drafts of air. Never let the soil dry out, and especially avoid keeping it wet. As soon as large enough to set out, prepare a tray of fine, pressed soil, and with a tooth-pick or fine-bladed knife prick the little plants out of the rows and set them an inch apart. Later when these plants become strong, remove them singly to three-inch pots, and grow them on, shifting into larger pots as the plants advance. Seedlings of these plants will bloom in from five to seven months, and many persons prefer seedling plants for blooming the first year to those that were started the previous season.

Tuberous Begonias.—Pot these in porous, well drained soil, allowing the concave end or crown of the tubers to protrude above the soil. Water moderately at first, till roots form, and growth begins, then apply water liberally. Give partial protection from sun and wind. In the autumn dry the tubers off and store in sand in a dry room where the temperature is 50 degrees, Fah. Towards spring repot.

Rubber Plant.—Repot as soon as the roots crowd each other, if you wish the specimen to continue growing and retain its leaves. Avoid hot sunshine against the sides of the pot, and do not let the plant suffer for want of water while growing. In winter water sparingly, but do not let the soil dry out at any time. If you want a bushy plant cut the top back, and later the tips of the branches.

Jasmine.—The various species of *Jasmine* rarely bloom freely. The flowers are pretty and very sweet, but few of the species bear abundantly. Some seasons are more favorable for bloom than others. There is no special mode of culture for the plants. They are of easy culture, and will thrive with the same treatment that is given a summer *Geranium*.

Everlastings.—Many of the *Everlastings* are attractive plants in the garden, and also do well in tubs or boxes upon the porch or lawn. They are easily raised from seeds.

Garden Culture.

COSMOS.

CUPID SWEET PEAS.

I HAVE noticed from time to time complaints about the Cupid race of Sweet Peas. One writer describes them as rusty, ragged, untidy looking plants, and says that she only picked two flowers off the whole lot. She writes that may be the climate does not agree with this race of Sweet Peas. The Cupid Sweet Pea can be grown in any climate suitable for growing the tall or climbing varieties. The only thing essential for growing this dwarf race is to know where to plant them, in what kind of soil, when to plant the seeds, and—that is all. They need a trifle more care than the tall Sweet Peas when they are first planted, but after they get thoroughly started they will grow and bloom where the tall kinds would die or dry up during very hot weather.

This Cupid race seems to revel in the warm sunshine. They like nothing better than to be planted right out in the sunshine. The soil for growing this variety should be well drained and rather sandy, otherwise the leaves are liable to mould. This plant is very dwarf, not reaching more than six inches in height. It is also very close jointed, and the leaves are so thickly set that they overlap each other, forming a dense mat over fifteen inches in diameter in a well grown specimen. This thick growth does not dry out after a heavy rain storm as quickly as the tall kinds, which are grown on brush or wire consequently the dampness is liable to cause them to rot or mould. In order to prevent this, seeds should be planted in soil that is quite dry in a raised situation. It is well to grow the plants in rows, each plant raised on a hill, something like you would grow certain varieties of vegetables. This raised position causes the rain to drain off, and the air to circulate more thoroughly through the leaves.

The white and primrose Cupids have white seeds, and these two are more tender than the other colors, and should not be planted until the weather has become mild—about the time the trees are putting forth their leaves. A Subscriber.

New York City, N. Y.

Campanula Persicifolia Grandiflora.

—This beautiful species is popularly known as the Peach-leaved Bellflower, and in cultivation should be given a very deep, well enriched border and sufficient space in which to properly develop itself, as it grows from two to three feet in height. Its flowers are borne in long spikes and are of a clear porcelain blue color, about two and a half inches in diameter. The plant begins to bloom in June. Charles E. Parnell.

Nassau Co., N. Y., Feb. 3, 1903.

IN SECTIONS where the summer is short it is necessary to start seeds of Cosmos as early as possible to have them flower before the frost catches them. The seeds can be sown in boxes in the house, or in the hot bed, about the first of April and the plants set in the open ground in May. The plants are easily transplanted during a rainy spell, or at any other time if watered well and kept shaded for a few days. The plants make a rapid growth, often becoming six or seven feet tall, and would be worth growing for the foliage alone, even if they did not flower at all, the leaves being somewhat like those of the Cypress Vine. A common name for the plant in this locality is Tree Cypress. The plants usually bloom here in September or October, and when covered with their showy flowers they are among the prettiest annuals grown. The colors are the different shades of red and white. The deep red ones are my favorites, but all are pretty.

W. C. Mollett.

Wayne Co., W. Va., June 15, 1903.

Aster pulcherrima.—This is a rare and very beautiful plant. It is of graceful habit, growing about two feet in height, and toward the end of September is a perfect mass of light lavender blue flowers. These are fine for bouquets and add greatly to the beauty of the flower border at a time when flowers are comparatively scarce. It should be grown in an open, sunny situation, in deep, well enriched soil, and given sufficient space in which to properly develop. Propagation is readily effected by a careful division of the older plants during the early spring months.

Chas. Parnell.

Nassau Co., N. Y., Feb. 3, 1903.

Eschscholtzia.—This is usually known as California Poppy, and is a very pretty, and easily grown annual. The seeds require to be sown early, so that the plants may become established before hot weather. Sow where the plants are to grow, as it does not bear transplanting well. It has very pretty, finely divided leaves of a light green color. The flowers are single and mostly of yellow shades, and some are said to have rose-colored flowers. I have never grown any but the yellow-colored ones.

W. C. Mollett.

Wayne Co., W. Va., June 15th, 1903.

Lantanas.—The new weeping Lantana is a perfect gem, all that our florist claims for it. Harkett's Perfection is so pretty. The foliage is handsomely variegated with yellow. They will winter nicely in the cellar and repay for the care of pruning and training a hundredfold. Nellie.

Henry Co., Ill.

STARTING PHLOX AND COLUMBINE.

THE various species of Columbine are not difficult to start from seeds. Sow in rows during May, June or July, on the north side of a picket fence, and cover the bed with cloth or paper to keep off the drying sun and wind. The plants will mostly appear in from two to six weeks. The paper should be promptly removed when the plants appear, and if the sun is hot a shading of muslin can be placed a foot or more above the bed. If sown during July or August do not attempt to transplant the plants. Set out so late they may not become well enough established to endure the winter. If left undisturbed, too, many of the plants will bloom the following season. These remarks will apply to many other perennials started from seeds. Seeds of Perennial Phlox are usually more tardy than Columbine, and will not appear for two or three months, or perhaps not till the next spring. Sow them where they will not be disturbed till the next spring. Soaking the seeds in hot water it is said will often promote the germination of them.

Digitalis.—I have had, for the last three years, the most gorgeous *Digitalis* flowers that I ever saw, and that without any special manner of treatment, too. Last summer one plant grew until it was away above my head, and I am five feet six inches tall. I measured it at the time but have forgotten the exact height. It was several inches over six feet, though. My *Digitalis* plants are always the wonder and pride of all the children in the neighborhood. When well cared for they are always from four to five feet tall, and have each a spike of flowers from one to two feet in length. I give them a lot of good fertilizer in the spring and set them where they will have the shade of the white Lilac tree a part of the day. A loose, thin covering of brush is beneficial in winter, but mine do not always get even that.

Adella F. Veazie.

Knox Co., Me., Jan. 24, 1903.

Rivinia.—*Rivinia humilis* is a plant not often seen. It can be easily grown from seeds, and will not disappoint you if you wish something aside from the ordinary. It bears racemes of small white flowers which are rather insignificant, but they are followed by very pretty red berries which stay on all winter. It must be seen to be fully appreciated.

Henry Co., Ill.

Nellie.

Wistaria from Seeds.—Wistaria beans should be soaked in warm water a week, renewing several times. Plant in ground or pot, but be sure to keep very wet until they come up.

Douglas Co., Kans., Feb. 22, 1903.

Mrs. H. E. Fliff.

PERENNIAL SUNFLOWER.

ANOTHER yellow friend, and one I much prefer to the greatly admired Golden Glow (*Rudbeckia*), is the perennial sunflower, *Helianthus multiflorus*, flore pleno. This is an old plant, but one seldom met with. It likes rich soil, sun, and plenty of water. Given this, the dozens of golden blooms will delight your heart, and you will tell your *Rudbeckia* to "go way back and sit down." Mine did, by the back fence, and the better plant took its place.

Mrs. T. A. Bishop.
Ontario, Canada.

About Chrysanthemums.—The suckers or young shoots which sprout up around Chrysanthemums should be removed in November, as they are a detriment to the parent plant, absorbing much of the strength that otherwise would go to the support of the blossoms. After the flowers begin to fade, however, they may be allowed to grow for the production of cuttings. Keep blooming Chrysanthemums in a cool room and the blossoms will remain perfect longer. If Chrysanthemums are infected with black aphid a few applications of tobacco dust will exterminate them.

Jessie Lynch.
Yamhill Co., Oreg.

Chinese Lantern Plant.—If you want a nice Lantern Plant just let one plant have a lot of room. When it gets about two feet high pinch the tops out, so it will get bushy. It will please many a child to see these red lanterns. I have my Lantern Plants under an old pear tree in the garden. I do not let them get too thick, and by fall they are loaded with lanterns. Some condemn the Lantern Plant because it spreads so, but I do not have any more trouble with it than I did with Golden Glow. I watch them and when they get out of bounds I pull them up.

Letta J. Garverich.

Crawford Co., Ohio, July 20, 1903.

Crimson Eye Hibiscus.—I grew this shrub from seeds. It did not bloom until it was over two years old, but when I saw the flowers I felt well repaid for my trouble. The lovely flowers are over fourteen inches in circumference. It blooms in August, the lovely blooms lasting until cut by severe frost in October. It is as easy to grow as a Zinnia.

Mrs. T. A. Bishop.
Ontario, Can., Dec. 9, 1903.

Verbenas and Petunias.—Verbenas and Petunias grow for me like weeds. My garden is beautiful with their bright flowers. I do not know any plants that need so little care, or that bloom more profusely than they do. My beds of Petunias and Verbenas are the admiration of all who see them.

Mrs. Isringhausen.
Jersey County, Illinois.

Window Culture.

A NOVEL WINDOW SCREEN.

MY HUSBAND procured a strong wire, bent it in a half circle, and put two strong screw-eyes in the window casing, one on each side, at the top of the window. With a strong pair of pincers he bent a hook in each end of the wire and hooked it in the screw-eyes about a foot above the window. Then he put in two more screw-eyes and attached another wire and brought it down to the wire in front to support it. Poultry wire was used from the front of the window to the half circle for the vines to climb over, and strings attached from the half circle to the ground on each side, but left the front open so as not to obstruct the view entirely. By training the vines over this I have a thing of beauty and a protection from the scorching rays of the summer sun. A window box at the bottom of the window is also a desirable addition that I intend to have this summer. I had a Moon Vine at one window and a Cypress at the other. They grew from the basement window to the extreme peak of the roof of a story-and-a-half house, and the Moon Vine was also trained around the corners and over the front door. I have no idea how many vines came from the one tiny plant that I paid but five cents for in the spring. It is very interesting to watch the pure white blossoms unfold, as they come out so suddenly and are four inches across. The Cypress flower is such a contrast, being about one-half inch in diameter and of a beautiful star shape. The feathery foliage is also very beautiful.

Mrs. H. C. I.

Douglas Co., Kan., Feb. 22, 1903.

Carnations for Winter.—The seedling winter-blooming Carnations should be started in May, June or July, to have strong plants ready for bloom during December and January. Pot the little plants from the seed box, using three-inch pots and a good compost. Pinch out any shoots that appear, water freely, shield the pots from sunshine, but let the plants have a sunny exposure. Shift into larger pots as growth progresses, and keep pinching to make the plants stool out and become bushy. Remove to a sunny window as cold weather approaches, stop pinching, and the buds will soon appear.

Lopesia rosea.—"What a lot of little red mosquitoes are on your plant in the window!" A nearer view shows them to be blossoms of *Lopesia rosea*, which do resemble small red mosquitoes. But, after all, it is a beautiful plant for a window. If you do not have one, be sure and send for one in the spring. Ima.

Geauga Co., Ohio.

STARTING WINDOW PLANTS.

FEW persons are aware of the ease with which window plants may be raised from seeds. Abutilon, Zanzibar Balsam, Carnations, Daisies, Kenilworth Ivy, Lobelia, Petunia, Cineraria, Cyclamen, Chrysanthemum, Heliotrope, Lantana, Geranium, Torenia, Smilax, Asparagus, and a host of other plants desirable for window decoration are readily and economically raised from seeds. The Chinese Primrose, the best of winter-blooming plants is very easily raised from seeds, and if sown this month or next, the plants will bloom during the coming winter. The same is true of *Primula obconica*, *P. floribunda*, *P. Forbesi* and *Primula stellata*. Those who grow window plants should not fail to sow a good collection of these and other pot plants during mid-summer. They will usually be pleased with the result.

Wonder Lemon Plant.—Last spring a year ago, with other plants, I received a Wonder Lemon plant. I planted and kept it indoors all winter. It grew all right. About January I noticed something was the matter and I watched it closely and found that roaches had gotten at it. I washed it all over with flowers of sulphur and put it into another pot, dug a hole outside, and placed the pot in it up to the rim and placed another pot upside down over it and left it there until the days became warm. About three or four weeks after I thought I would look at it, and to my surprise, found the plant full of vitality. It is now seven inches high. You could almost see it growing. The compost I used was sand, earth, bone meal, manure and sweepings from the road all mixed together. I am seventy-four years old, but am as fond of flowers as ever.

Mrs. Patton.

Kings Co., N. Y., Aug. 31, 1903.

Eupatorium riparium.—My *Eupatorium riparium* is full of flowers. Last winter it bloomed for me and I could hardly wait until it came out. This year it is a beauty. I have it in a front window and it looks so pretty from the road. The stalk has such a nice shape and the leaves are so nice. We have to give it water every day. I raised one from a slip.

Miss Pearl Cooper.

Northumberland Co., Pa., Mar. 2, 1903.

Plant Protection.—I save all my splint berry boxes, which I find useful as well as convenient at transplanting time for protecting tender plants from the hot sun. The boxes can be packed together and tucked away in the corner of the flower bed, when not in use. With care they will last for several seasons, if stored in some dry place in winter. Lizzie Mowen.

Allen Co., O.

Floral Poetry.

AN ORDER FOR A PICTURE.

They tell me you are an artist
Who can paint on the canvass white,
Pictures of scenes you never saw,
In colors of shade and light.
If you can do this, good painter,
I would have you make for me,
A scene of my father's hill-farm,
Where the winds blew loud and free.

The house was large and pleasant,
Near the road tall Balsams fair,
And a Thorn Apple tree, and Locusts,
Were stirred by the balmy air.
At the corner, near the doorway,
Aglow with color bright,
Grew a bush of Honeysuckle,
With blossoms pink and white.

And close by my mother's window,
In beauty and fragrant bloom,
Stood a bush of yellow Roses,
Whose sweet breath filled the room.
And Roses red and blush, and white,
And Lily bells, fair to see,
With a bed of purple Pansies
I want you to paint for me.

The Cherry trees that each summer
Bore luscious fruit and sweet,
Grew south of the house, and in springtime
Cast their white bloom at our feet.
The meadows were near and the cornfield,
While the woods not far away,
Was the home of the birds whose music
We heard at the break of day,

And down past the barns, through the orchard,
And the lane, o'er the tiny brook,
Which flowed with a pleasant murmur,
My way I often took.
Down the hill and through the valley,
Where the red wild Strawberries grew,
And the Willows droop over the streamlets
I wandered long ago.

Gathering flowers in the woodland,
Blue and white Violets rare,
And the Ferns which grew by the brookside,
And yellow Cowslips fair.
Be sure that these are pictured,
And paint them in colors bright,
That shall make the dim old forest
Seem radiant with bloom and light.

There's the house, and the road and the Thorntree,
The Balsams and Locusts tall,
And the Roses and Honeysuckles,
Which grew by the eastern wall;
The Cherry trees and the meadows,
The cornfields and orchards old;
If you paint all these, and the forest,
It will be more to me than gold.

Chautauqua Co., N. Y. Belle M. Brewster.

JUNE.

Beautiful, fragrant, leafy June!
Flowers blooming and birds in tune;
Month of roses and skies of blue,
What could be more fair than you?

Fairest of all the months to me;
Clovers bend to the busy bee,
Airy butterflies sailing by,
Soft clouds float in the summer sky.

Little birds rock in their tiny nest,
All the earth is in beauty dressed;
Queen of all the months art thou,
A crown of roses on thy brow.

Low B. Robinson.

Juneau Co., Wis., May 5, 1903.

CLOVER BLOOM.

Spread beneath the azure dome,
Filling the air with sweet perfume,
We see the ruddy clover bloom.

Gently now and then a breeze
Shakes the ever busy bees
Off the rosy heads with ease.

Here and there the butterfly,
Stops the laden bloom to try,
Then meanders toward the sky.

The lark, in sacred bursting glee,
Arises from this flowery sea,
With notes of melody.

Oh! Clover sweet, of modest hue,
While lingers still the sparkling dew,
How beautiful you seem, and true.

Soon, all too soon your strength will yield
Beneath the workmen of the field,
And then we know your doom is sealed.

Perry T. Cunningham.

MAY.

O what do I hear in the wildwood?
A chorus of birds at the dawn,
So dear to the days of my childhood,
Those days that are vanquished and gone,
Though nearing the end of life's story
I love yet the beautiful May,
Now crowning the hills with its glory
And making the valleys so gay.

Old age may be laughing at wrinkles,
When Spring to the heart is still fair,
When brooklet through meadow land tinkles
And Lilacs make fragrant the air.
Now back to the days of my childhood
I'm borne on a whirlwind of wings,
While here in the heart of the wildwood,
A lark circles upward and sings.

Bradford Co., Pa.

Ruth Raymond.

JUNE.

There is nothing that can make me so contented
As to take some fancy-work in early June,
And sit down in the sweet shade of the Maples
'To listen to the song birds' happy tune;
When the flowers all around shed their sweet perfume,
As they peep up from their shady, mossy bed;
When the sky is deep blue, here and there a cloudlet,
And the breeze is whispering softly overhead.
But my work, I'm much afraid, will be neglected,
As I sit among these gifts of God's great love,
And my thoughts will try to draw away the curtain
That hides the secrets of that happy land above.

Olga Advine Blacken.

Snoh. Co., Wash., April 16, 1904.

ROSES.

The subtle scent of Rose-kissed breezes float
Across our busy lives; and in our hair
And hands, and on our lips and throat,
We feel the scented and delicious air.

The opulence of Roses everywhere
Saddens my being with a strange unrest.
Such patient preparation, such fine care!
What is their message, oh what their behest?
A wealth of bloom we may only admire;
While we adore they silently expire,

Their shattered petals heap like incense fire.
Say, are ye sentient, soul of each sweet Rose?
Where shall ye flower next? Who knows—who
knows!

Elk Co., Kas., April 12, 1904.

Bessie Bellman.

PERENNIAL POPPIES.

THE Oriental Perennial Poppies, hybrids of which have been recently introduced by enterprising French florists, are among the most gorgeous subjects of the

The seeds should be sown in June or July, and the plants will bloom in two or three years, according to the conditions under which they are grown. The beauty and hardiness of this flower should induce every one to give it a place in their perennial



PERENNIAL POPPIES.

perennial garden. The foliage is rich green, finely cut and waved, and every leaf appears as a huge plume, fluffy and feathery, and gracefully curved. The flowers, varying from salmon and rosy white to dark crimson, are of immense size, and often measure from six to twelve inches in diameter. They bloom during May or June, according to the latitude of the garden, and their huge, silky blooms, waving in the breeze and reflecting the sunshine, brings cheer and admiration wherever grown.

garden, and those who sow seeds of it this month will not regret it when the big clumps of mammoth flowers make a glow of color and beauty a year or two hence.

Remedy for Insects.—My Moon Vine growing in the house, was infected with small red insects, like pin points. I washed it with soap suds and alcohol, using a teaspoonful of alcohol to a half pint of suds, and my little enemies are gone.

Suffolk Co., N. Y.

Mabel Baldwin.

Pot Culture.

PHYLLOCACTUS NOTES.

SOMETIMES we read or hear of Phyllocacti that have been petted and nursed year after year before they bloom. There is no need of this long waiting. Properly treated, a mailing plant will bloom in less than a year's time. The magnificent flowers would be worth waiting for a dozen years, or would repay a host of experiments, but there is really no need of this delay.

We all know that the Cactus family inhabits sandy, arid regions. Properly enough Cactus fanciers pot their Cacti in small pots, use deep drainage, make the potting compost largely of sand, and water with caution. The Cactus family is a large one, however, and the Phyllocactus partakes in so small a degree of the usual Cactus habits, that as pot plants they should be given as liberal feeding as other plants enjoy. Starvation is the first great cause of so many slow-to-bloom specimens.

A mailing plant should, of course, have a small pot. Give it the same soil you would give other potted plants. As it grows shift into a larger pot when needed, watering liberally while it is rapidly growing throughout the summer. A tiny plant will grow large enough to nicely cover a two-foot trellis in six months. Train it as it grows so as to present as much of its flat surface to the sun as possible, not bunching its many branches, but spreading them to the arms of the trellis.

When winter comes, choose a sunny spot for your Phyllocactus and keep it there. That is the great secret of early bloom. Do not shove it about or turn it around. The sunshine falling day by day on the same identical parts of the plant ripens the wood at these joints, and this ripening must precede bloom. Water less lavishly through the early winter. A judicious withholding of water also tends to ripen the wood.

When the buds begin to show crowd the plant. Water it often, and with warm water. Once a week water with manure water weakened until it is the color of weak tea. The manure will not hurt it in the least, even if the Phyllocactus does belong to a family that is usually impatient of it. A thrifty Phyllocactus in a six-inch pot can stand a potting compost one-third pulverized and rotted manure, then take its weekly watering with manure water while it is in bud, besides, and not be hurt in the least.

Under such treatment the flowers are plentiful and very large. Quick summer growth and ripened wood in winter means a spring crop of flowers so magnificent that they are truly regal. Try this plan and see if you do not succeed.

McDonald Co., Mo. Lora S. LaMance.

CHOICE FLOWERS FROM SEEDS.

IT IS a genuine joy to a flower-lover to grow fine plants from seeds, caring for them from their babyhood up and training them in the way they should go, noting each characteristic. What a pleasure it is when we grow something unusually fine. Abutilons, Begonias, Geraniums, Cinerarias, Primulas, Gloxinias and Coleus are just a few of the varieties that grow well from seeds. The tiny plants require daily care to grow them. I use shallow wooden boxes about three or four inches deep, burn holes in the bottom and fill in with a layer of charcoal, then sifted soil composed of equal parts of leaf-mould, fine sand and good garden loam, thoroughly mixed, to about an inch of the top. Then I set the box in a basin of water until the moisture appears on the surface soil, but do not submerge the box. I then set the box away till the next day, when the soil is just right to sow the seeds. If very fine seeds are to be sown, such as those of *Petunia*, *Primula*, etc., it is well to add a little clean white sand, so as to scatter the seeds more evenly. I always save the sphagnum moss that comes from the florists. It is good to place over the charcoal in pots to insure good drainage, is nice to have when packing plants to send to a friend, and, when ground very fine, is just what is needed to slightly cover small seeds. Be careful not to cover too deeply. I use a shelf above the kitchen stove for the seed-boxes until the tiny plants appear. Then I move them to a sunny window and the glass over the box is tilted just a little, to insure good ventilation. When the sunshine is too hot I cover the glass with a cloth. The soil should always be kept moist, but not wet. A wet soil and poor ventilation cause the tiny plants to rot, or damp off. The seedlings should never be allowed to become crowded; it will cause a spindly growth. They may be safely transplanted when they have from two to four leaves, using the same kind of soil as before, and protecting with the glass for a few days, always allowing the needed ventilation. If started very early they will need the glass over them at night to protect from cold. April and May are the best months for the delicate plants, although many annuals start well from seeds in February and March. After one has mastered the art many fine plants can be grown from seeds.

Annice Body Calland.

Champaign Co., Ohio.

Cinerarias.—I sowed three three-cent packets of *Cineraria hybrida*, and had 140 plants. I potted them when small, and set in a shady place in a store box. Soon lice appeared, which I tried in vain to banish, until spiders came. They destroyed them.

Richland Co., Ohio.

Aunt Ann.

Floral Miscellany.

WHIP-POOR-WILL.

Whip-Poor-Will! Whip-Poor-Will! darkness is falling!
Loud through the gloom of the grove he is calling,
Only the branch of the alder is stirred;
Whip-Poor-Will, spirit of song or of Bird,
Darkness is falling!

Vineland, N. J.

Ina Lord McDavitt.

YARD AND VEGETABLE GARDENS.

OUR yard and vegetable gardens are all surrounded by the same fence, three-fourth of an acre. The house is in the center well towards the back. On each side are the vegetable gardens. The one on the east is separated from the yard by a hedge of shrubs, and hardy Roses. The vegetable garden on the west is separated from the yard by a bed of hardy perennials, both beds running the whole length of the garden. This leaves a large square of grass in front. This plot in front is divided by another bed parallel with the other beds, a little to the east side, where the Tea Roses, the house plants and summer-blooming bulbs are set. These with the walk make the yard in three long strips of grass, making it handy for mowing. These three beds with a narrow bed the whole length, and close to the house on the east, contain all the plants. I have no mounds or clumps scattered about that only make bare, unsightly spots in winter and a sore vexation to the man who does the mowing.

Crawford Co., Ill. Sadie M. Jones.

Cemetery Plants.—Where the cemetery grounds are not under the charge of a professional care-taker, something is needed which will be neat and yet require attention but a few times during the season. The trailing Memorial Roses, Wichuriana, white; Universal Favorite, double pink, and Pink Roamer, single, are just right as trailers, and will quickly cover the ground. The foliage is handsome, even without bloom. The Burbank Rose, growing from two to three feet in height, is excellent as a standard, and will bloom earlier than the trailers. Two-year-old plants of these kinds could be had of almost any florist and are usually sure to grow. The first year some Sweet Alyssum might add to the beauty.

Aunt Susie.

Beaver Co., Pa., June 30, 1903.

To Cause Geraniums to Branch.—Any one desiring a Geranium to branch, but not wishing to nip off the top, may obtain the desired result by pinching off a leaf stem about one inch from the stalk. After the sprout has become strong, break off the old leaf stem. A very pretty shaped plant may be grown, if care is taken to select just which leaves are best to pinch off.

Tolland Co., Conn.

Reader.

NEW STAKES FOR GLADIOLI.

LAST summer I had novel stakes for a circular bed of Gladioli. After the bulbs had sprouted and the stalks appeared above ground, I set a thrifty Balsam plant between each of them. This proved an entire success, as far as stakes are concerned, and, although we had very high winds, only one spike of blossoms was broken. As the Balsams were double, they were also an ornament to the bed. Verbenas were set around the edge for a border. One must have the soil very rich in order to make a success of this double cropping, and the bulbs should be placed five or six inches below the surface. The spikes will be stiffer, and the bulbs will not suffer so much in a drouth.

Edgar Co., Ill.

E. C.

Frosted Plants.—If one has a plant frosted, it is best to sprinkle it with cold water and set in a dark place. Unless it is too badly frosted it will come out all right.

A Subscriber.

Trumbull Co., Ohio, Aug. 25, 1903.

WHAT THE KING EATS.

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A BED OF HERBS.

HAVE you tried growing sweet herbs? If not, do so this year. If you cannot spare room for a bed of them, plant a few where they will be out of the way, and you will soon find that they are too valuable to do without. Sweet Fennel is a herbaceous perennial, dying to the ground in winter and sprouting up from the root in spring. There is nothing, not even ornamental Asparagus, that furnishes a more delicate, lace-like green for use in bouquets. The sprays last well, and are so fragrant that one is bound to love it. Added to its beauty in the garden and its usefulness for furnishing masses of its delicate, fragrant foliage for cutting, its seeds are very aromatic, and are produced in abundance, and are useful in sachets or confectionery.

Coriander is another valuable plant in this class. It produces the seeds so much used in confectionery, and its flowers, which are freely produced for a long time, are as dainty as the much lauded Gypsophila. It is an annual, and grows rather tall. Give it a trial by all means.

Basil is another valuable sweet herb. While its foliage lacks the delicacy of Fennel, it is one of the most fragrant herbs we have, and a small spray of its leaves or a flower stem put in a bouquet will generally be found very satisfactory. The whole plant is fragrant, leaves, stems, flowers and seeds.

Anise is also useful and beautiful. Its foliage is almost as fine as Fennel, but not so sweet. Its seeds are very fragrant.

Lavender I have tried, but have never succeeded with it. The four mentioned above, however, are as easy to grow as Zinnias. Add them to your list of must-haves, and you will not regret it.

If you have a place to plant it where it will get an abundant supply of water, try a plant of sweet Calamus. Its long, shining, dark green, grass-like leaves are so fresh looking, and their fragrance is at once so pleasant and so different from anything else, that one is bound to like it. It must have lots of water, however, or it is a failure. In its native habitat it grows in low, marshy places, where it has rich soil, and its roots are generally submerged in water.

Mrs. Leonora Vaughan.

Vermilion Co., La.

Scabiosa Caucasica.—Among my choicest plants is the perennial Scabiosa. It needs the same treatment as the annual Scabiosa, plenty of sunlight, and a moderately rich soil. The flowers are a lovely pale blue, and nearly as large as a fifty-cent piece. They remain in perfection a long time, and are lovely corsage flowers. All they lack is scent.

Mrs. T. A. Bishop.

Ontario, Canada.

SOAP SUDS FOR PLANTS.

I GIVE my Snapdragons, Asters and Carnations a good drink of soap suds every week. My Tea Roses have been loaded with the finest of blooms and buds all summer and fall, and are now full of buds. I give them plenty of soap suds and tobacco tea. I shower them once a week with both, whether it rains or not, and I am well repaid for my trouble. I save all my soap suds on wash day and put it to my plants, and oh, how they do bloom and grow. I have such lovely Asparagus Sprengeri, A. plumosus and Acacia lophantha, and I always feed them all with soap suds.

Mrs. Anna Kirby.

Greene County, Missouri.

Impatiens Sultan.—This plant, often known as Zanzibar Balsam, stands at the head of my list of winter bloomers. The plants grow very large, but bloom well even when small. They are excellent to bed on the north side of buildings, or in places where there is partial shade.

Mrs. Chas. C. Dean.

Schuyler Co., Mo.

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Aloysia, Lemon Verbena.
Althea in variety.
Alternanthera, red, yellow.
Amomum Cardamomum.
Ampelopsis quinquefolia.
 Veitchi.

Anemone pulsatilla.
Aquilegia in variety.
Arabis Alpina.
Begonia, Honeywell.
 Margarita.
 M. de Lesseps.
 Nitida.
 Pres. Carnot.
 Sandersonii.
 Souv. de Pres. Guillaume.
 Weltoniensis, white.
 Red.
 Cut-leaved.

Begonia, Tuberous, Giant
 White, Crimson, Rose,
 Pink, Scarlet, Yellow.
Bryophyllum calycinum.
Cactus in variety.
Caladium esculentum.
Callicarpa purpurea.
Calliopsis grandiflora.
Calceolaria hybrida.
Campandula, white.
Campylobotrys regia.
Carnation, hardy garden.
Caryopteris Mastacanthus.
Centaurea candidissima.
Cestrum parqui.
 Laurifolium.
 Poeticus.

Chelone barbata.
Chrysanthemum in sorts.
 Miller's crimson.
Clemta maculata.
Cineraria hybrida.
 Maritima.
 Stellata.
Cissus Heterophylla.
Clematis paniculata.
Clerodendron Balfouri.
Coccoloba platyclada.
Coleus, Beck with.
 Firebrand.
 Fire Crest.
 Fancy in variety.
 Glory of Autumn.
 Margula.

Convolvulus mauritanicus.
Coral Tree, *Erythrina.*
Coronopsis lanceolata.
Coronilla glauca.
Crape Myrtle, pink.
Crassula cordata.
Cyperus alternifolius.

Cyclamen Persicum.
 Splendens, crimson.
 Superbum roseum.
Cytisus laburnum.
 Daisy, double white.
 Daisy, Longfellow, red.
 Deutzia gracilis.
 Crenata, double.
 Dianthus, Sweet William.
 Plumarius, clove.
 Dielytra eximia.
 Eranthemum pulchellum.
 Euonymus Japonica aurea.
 Radicans variegata.
 Eupatorium riparium.
 Serulatum.

[NOTE.]—*Eupatorium riparium* is a winter-blooming pot plant, bearing clusters of white, brush-like flowers in profusion. It is sure to bloom, and the flowers are fine for cutting.]
Euphorbia splendens.
Ferns, tender, in variety.
Forsythia viridissima.
 Suspensa.

Fuchsia, Avalanche.
 Black Prince.
 Chas. Blanc.
 Gloire des Marches.
 Little Prince.
 Mrs. E. G. Hill.
 Monarch.
 Oriflamme.
 Peasant Girl.
 Rosa Patrie.
 Speciosa.
Funkia, Day Lily.
 Undulata.

Geranium, Flowering:
 Mrs. Hill.
 America.
 Bruanti.
 Centaura.
 Dr. Denny.
 Granville.
 John Doyle.
 Jean Viaud.
 La Favorite.
 Mme. Conover.
 Miss Perkins.
 Miss Kendall.
 Mmc. Barney.
 New Life.
 S. A. Nutt.
 Wonder. White Swan.

[NOTE.]—*Geranium America* is a compact growing sort blooming with wonderful freedom. The flowers are pink, shaded white, and come in large clusters. It is a first-class winter-blooming *Geranium*, and also does well for pots or beds in summer.

Geranium, Foliage:
 Bronze Bedder.
 Distinction.
 Happy Thought.
 Mrs. Parker.
Geranium, Scented:
 Fern-leaved.
 Rose-scented.
 Walnut-scented.
 Geranium sanguineum.
 Gladiolus, May.
 In variety, named.

Gloxinia, Giant Blue, Red,
 White, Spotted, Kaiser
 Frederick, Kaiser Wm.
 Helianthus tuberosum.
 Heliotrope, White Lady.
 New Light Blue.
 Dark Blue. Violet.
Hemerocallis flava.
 Seiboldii.
 Thunbergii.
Heterocentron alba.

[NOTE.]—*Heterocentron alba* is an easily-grown window plant, sure to bloom in winter. The tops should be pinched out during summer to promote a bushy form. Flowers white.]
Hibiscus sinensis, red.

Aurantiacus.
Carminatus grandiflorus.
 Gen. Courtizis.
 Magnifica.
 Sub *Violaceus.*
Honeysuckle, Hall's.
 Reticulata aurea.
Hyacinthus candicans.
Hydranga in variety.
Impatiens Sultani.
 Iris fetidissima.
 Florentina.
 Kamferi, mixed.

Ivy, English.
 Variegated.
 Abbotsford.
 Kenilworth (Linaria).
Jasminum gracillimum.
 Grandiflorum.
 Grand Duke.
 Nudiflorum, hardy.
 Revolutum.

[NOTE.]—*Jasminum nudiflorum* is a hardy shrub needing trellis support. It is covered with deliciously-scented yellow flowers early in spring, before the leaves. *Justicia sanguinea.*
Kerria Japonica.
Lantana, Don Calmet.
 In variety.

Lavatera arborea.
Leucanthemum max.
Lily of the Valley.

[NOTE.]—*Lily of the Valley* will grow and bloom in a shady place where many other flowers will die. The plants are perfectly hardy, and the racemes of flowers waxy white and fragrant.
Linum perenne.
Lobelia, Royal Purple.
 Barnard's Perpetual.
Lopesia rosen.

[NOTE.]—*Graceful*, ever-blooming Mosquito Flower. It needs a trellis, is of easy culture, and sure to bloom in winter. It should be in every collection of house plants.]
Madrola Vine.
Mackaya bella.
Mesembryanthemum grandiflorum.
Meyenia erecta.
Montbretia Etoile de Feu.
Myosotis, Forget-me-not.

Nepeta, Catnip.
 Old Man.
 Oxalis in variety.
 Palm, Phoenix *Canariensis.*
 Washingtonia robusta.
 Pansy, in variety.
 Parsley, Moss-cured.

[NOTE.]—*Parsley* is a beautiful plant in foliage, and the sprays are much used in culinary work for garnishing. It is also used in soups as flavoring.]
Passiflora incarnata.
Persicaria cuspidata.
Peristrophe variegata.
Philadelphus grandiflorus.
Phlox, Perennial.
 Amie Vibert.

Plumbago capensis alba.
 Pomegranate, Jas. Vick.
Primula, Fern-leaved.
 Mallow-leaved.
 Floribunda.
 Forbesi.
 Obconica grandiflora.
 Verticillata.

[NOTE.]—All of the above Primroses are excellent plants for winter blooming.]
Privet, California.
Rivinia humilis.
 Rose, climbing sorts.
Rudbeckia, Golden Glow.

[NOTE.]—*Golden Glow* is a hardy perennial bearing a mass of double golden flowers in autumn. It is perfectly hardy, of easy culture, and sure to bloom. It is especially handsome when grown upon the bank of a stream.]
Ruellia Makoyana.

[NOTE.]—*Ruellia Makoyana* has handsome variegated foliage, and rosy carmine, tubular flowers. It is a pretty pot plant for either summer or winter, and mostly does well in an ordinary window.]
Russelia elegantissima.
 Juncea.

Salvia splendens.
 Rutlans.
 Pineapple-scented.
Saponaria ocymoides.
Saxifraga peolata.
Schluus molle.
Scutellaria pulchella.
 Smilax, Boston.
Spiraea, Anthony Waterer.
 Filipendula.
 Palmata elegans.
 Reevesi.
 Japonica.

Spotted Callas, large.
Strobilanthus anisophyllus.
 Dyerianus.
 Tansy, herb.
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GOSSIP.

Decorative Vines.—Dear Floral Friends: No class of plants adds so much to the elegant appearance of a home as vines, whether they are hardy climbers or annuals, if they are chosen with care and forethought, and planted in suitable positions. Even the beautiful Clematis can be made to look out of place as much as a Sunflower in a graveyard would. Under one of my dining-room windows every spring I planted white and blue Morning-glories, and every morning during the blooming season at breakfast time we have a feast for the eyes as well as the palate. For several years, I have been particular to tie strings around a few of the richest colored blossoms, so now there is hardly ever a dull colored one to be seen. On the porch in front of the room there is a Clematis paniculata, and a native Clematis, with a Fern or two at the base of the porch. Nothing is so costly but what the thinnest purse can furnish, and how homelike it looks. When you go out to plant the shoots or seeds of whatever sort you may have chosen, be very careful to prepare the soil thoroughly. If anything is worth planting at all it is worth doing well. Make the soil moderately rich with old manure. After carefully planting water well and draw dry earth over the moistened soil to prevent evaporation. For seeds, if the soil is liable to be too dry for them to germinate as they ought, remove a pan of the earth, water the plot well, then plant the seeds on the wet ground, and cover to the required depth with the dirt in the jar, remembering that small seeds must not be covered as deep as large ones. Protect your bed from the depredations of chickens, dogs, etc., by sticks firmly placed, or wire netting.

Wayne Co., Pa.

Aunt Hope.

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Dear Mr. Park:—As mamma is going to send to you for some seeds, I thought I would write. I am a little girl fourteen years old. Well, I am not very little, either, mamma says. Mamma has been taking your Magazine for many years and likes it very much, for it tells so many things about flowers. We have many beautiful flowers in the summertime. I always have a flower garden of my own with many beautiful flowers in it. I have three sisters and two brothers. We have a new organ, and it is a beauty too. I am learning to play on it by note. We have a new guitar also. We have only one month spring school. I don't know whether I will go or not. How many of the children that write to Park's Magazine are going to the World's Fair at St. Louis? I suppose Mr. Park will be there. I don't know whether I will go or not. I like the Children's Corner but wish some of the older ones would write.

Marion Co., Mo.

Lillie Calvert.

Dear Mr. Park:—I am a little girl nine years old, and I live in the country. I have three brothers and two sisters. My brothers' names are George, Lowell and Oscar. My sisters' names are Mary and Mabel. My grandma gets your flower seeds and they are fine. I like flowers, and when I get big I will send for your flower seeds and Magazine.

Lucile Gessap.

Hamilton Co., Ind., April 13.

Dear Mr. Park:—I am five years old, but I can read the little letters in your Magazine. I live four and a half miles from Excelsior Springs. We have some little red-spotted pigs and two calves. I go to Sunday School every Sunday. My sister is going to send for some more of your seeds this year.

Irene Hart.

Clay Co., Mo., March 29, 1904.

Dear Mr. Park:—I am fifteen years old and live in the country. Mamma has been taking your Magazine for several years, and I like to read in it. Mamma ordered a Lemon plant last March a year ago and it has five lemons, and one measures thirteen inches around it.

Ina S. Triesel.

Cabarrus Co., N. C., Aug. 30, 1903.

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- A. Innocence.
- Q. What is the French name for the Daisy?
- A. A la Marguerite.
- Q. What lady chose this flower as her device?
- A. Marguerite de Valois, a Christian woman who lived in the days of Calvin.
- Q. Is the Daisy an Evergreen?
- A. It is. The leaves grow very close to the soil so that no grass will grow up and shade the plant.
- Q. Is the Daisy the same flower that its ancestors were?
- A. It is not. The ancestors of the Daisy had fewer petals.

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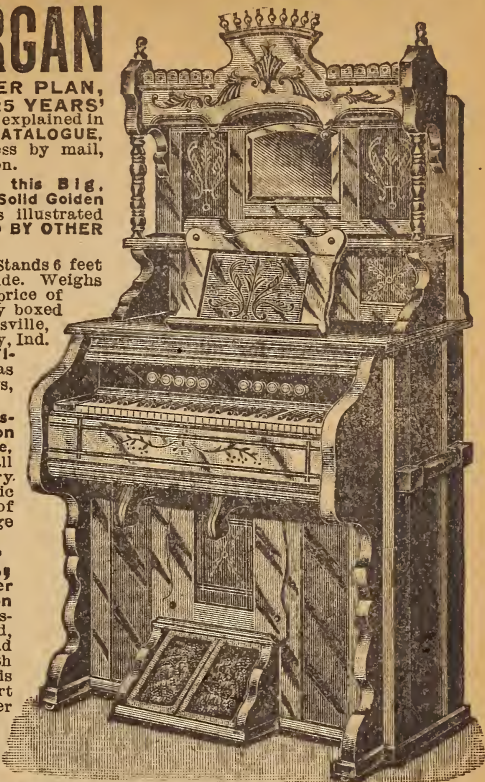
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GOSSIP.

Dear Floral Band:—I have two friends that love flowers as I do. We always exchange flowers. When one gets something different than the other we share up as soon as we can. We are not together more than two or three times a year, but how we do enjoy our visits telling about flowers and flower beds that we have seen, and about our own flowers. My one flower friend is seventy years old; the other one is fifty-six and I am twenty-six, so we are not of one age, but of the same nature. I had a flower friend when I was a girl. She died when I was seventeen years old, but I never will forget her, or her flowers. She had a tree that she called Mole Tree. The stock of tree was white and green, I have never seen any since like it. She also had an Honesty plant with silver seed pods, and many different kinds of hardy flowers.

Mrs. Letta J. Garverick.
Crawford Co., Ohio, July 20, 1903.

Dear Editor:—I have been a reader of your Magazine for several years and gain valuable information. We would be lost without it. I love to read the letters from the flower-loving sisters. I do love flowers. They are God's jewels to beautify the earth.

La Salle Co., Ill., May 7, 1903.

Asters.—Mr. Park: I must speak of the Ostrich-feather Asters. Last year I had white, purple, two shades of pink and lavender. Some of them were as large as Chrysanthemums, and so much less trouble. I shall have lots of them next year.

—Maud.

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St. Louis, Mo.

Albert E. Vassar.

GOSSIP.

Dear Floral Friends:—Like the rest of you. I am a great lover of flowers. At present, I have fifty-seven house-plants of different varieties. Many are in bloom now. The one I like best of all is a Hydrangea. It is in bloom now. Its flower measures ten inches across. It is a beautiful sight to see. The Hydrangea is a wonderful plant, the different change in color, from beginning to end, is interesting. When the bud first makes its appearance it is of a light green color, and gradually changes to a creamy white. In about a week's time it brings on a light, pink color which grows a shade darker for some time. Towards fall it will be a dark green, then it begins to wilt, and must then be cut off, and the plant put in the cellar until spring. I do not know of a flower that lasts longer than the Hydrangea. Give it a trial, and I am sure you will not do without it.

Lila Anderson.

Cuming Co., Neb., May 20, 1903.

TO THE CHILDREN.

My Dear Little Flower Folks: In front of my office window is a large circular bed that is now a blaze of rich-colored Tulips. There are patches of crimson and gold, and white and rose and variegated all in glorious array, every plump little bulb holding up its brilliant cup upon a strong stem, apparently as proud of its work as one of the standard bearers of a victorious army. And don't you think they have just reasons for pride? Their standard is that of joy and peace, and always brings good cheer, while the army standard is often the herald of sorrow, and suffering and death. Wouldn't you far rather have the mission of the little Tulip bulb than that of the army standard-bearer?

Near the walk by the office lawn, surrounded by Spireas, Deutzias and other hardy shrubs is a mammoth bush of the old-fashioned Lilac which is now a mass of huge twin clusters of bloom. It seems like a mother-plant to the group about it, spreading its decorated wings and waving them in the breeze, making the air redolent with its sweetness, and delighting everybody who approaches it. That old bush has been doing its allotted work every year for generations, and it seems brighter and better this season than any season since I have known it. The little birds nest in its branches and revel in the home shelter which its dense foliage and bloom afford.

But I wish to tell you, dear children, of something else that is not so pleasant to think of. The Editor's new home is by the water, the beautiful winding Pequea, near to the dam which supplies the motive power for packing seeds and printing catalogues and the Magazine. On the clear, deep water during early spring could be seen every day from the home window a little water-bird swimming and diving, and running upon the water, enjoying itself in its own way, and affording amusement and pleasure for the family and friends. Well, here is the unpleasant part. One morning, while the sun was shining brightly, the buds bursting into leaves, and all Nature seemed happy in the glorious resurrection of spring, a shot was heard near the home, and in the water was seen the dear innocent little bird, struggling in the throes of death, suffering in silence with a mortal wound. A man from the village came upon the premises and thoughtlessly and cruelly took the innocent's life, to try his skill with a gun. We looked in vain on subsequent mornings for the joyful antics of the water bird and its mate. Oh, can you comprehend the state of mind of one that finds enjoyment in pangs of suffering caused by a cruel wound? Can you suggest why the taking of the life of even the humblest of God's innocent creatures should contribute to the happiness of the slayer? The deed referred to was doubtless done without thinking of its cruelty. Such deeds are done daily by men who would scorn the idea of being inhuman in conduct. They never knew better. But is it not far better, dear children, to have the mission of the Tulip bulb or the Lilac bush, shedding a halo of glory and sweetness by the way, than to have that of the standard-bearer of the army, or of those who handle weapons of war and destruction. I trust that none of my little friends who read these lines will cause sadness, suffering and death along their pathway, but strew it with fragrant flowers that all will enjoy. The highest state of happiness is not secured either to ourselves or others by the dissemination of thorns and thistles, or the causing of pain or death. Life and love and flowers and fragrance all go hand in hand. Wouldn't you rather choose the latter?

Your floral friend,

LaPark, Pa., May 11, 1904.

The Editor.



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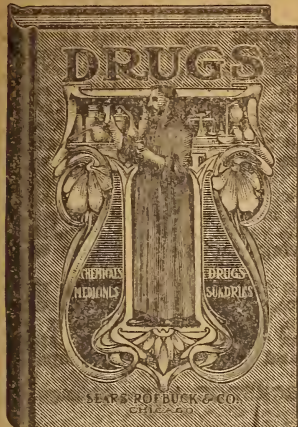
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Oh, sweet when the day is done,
To close one's eyes like a blossom
And pass away with the sun,
In strength, and sweetness and beauty,
And leave in earth's tainted air
A memory sweet and lasting
To show that they once lived there.

Susie L. Fogelsanger.

Eric Co., N. Y., April 21, 1904.

Dear Mr. Park:—I am a little girl ten years old. My mamma has taken your Magazine for a long time. I always like to look at the Children's Corner. Mamma and I are both very fond of flowers. I have a pet bird whose name is Dickie. He flies all around the house. Amber Smith.

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GOSSIP.

Dear Flower Lovers:—May I tell you about my Calla. I had a very large pot literally packed with large and small bulbs. Last year I did not repot, and all winter I had blossoms. This summer I thought I would try an experiment. In August I emptied out the bulbs, shook off the dirt, put them in an old box on a bank wall, and left them there through sun and rain, for several weeks. In the next lot was a heap of what looked like rotted dirt from the pig pen. My big pot got broken, and quite late I took two smaller ones, added a little sand to the pig pen dirt and potted my larger bulbs with good drainage. In a few days they started. After one leaf got up about eight inches, I was looking at it, and it looked as though a bud was coming. The bud is almost open and I think three more are coming. I also have a milk pan full of small bulbs in flourishing condition. I never throw anything away. I think someone will want it. I give my flowers freely, and my friends are always ready to give me anything they have.

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Ont. Canada, Sept. 2, 1903. Mrs. Wright.

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GOSSIP.

Dear Floral Band:—I remember my beginning of floriculture. It was in early childhood. One of my earliest recollections is a little flower garden in front of my playhouse—a patch of ground made in rows, and of flowers plucked and stuck in rows, and watered, to keep fresh as long as possible. Later, I set out roots of all I could get, tame or wild, but I never had a chance to save them, as my father was a miller and kept hogs that rooted up all I tried to raise. Mother tried to help me. We rolled stones, carried pales, logs, brush, sticks, and whatever we could to guard against hogs and poultry. All these years papa discouraged me, declared flowers were my gods, that I idealized them alone, toiled foolishly, and neglected sensible things, but mother and I quietly persevered through all sorts of difficulty, and sometimes got a little reward for our hard labor, and when papa did once see our pretty flowers, and their cheer and the beautiful bouquets we sent to the sick, he at once made mother a lovely window; also a fence, and even helped tend the flowers. After the children left home, we seldom wrote to them that he failed to mention mother's plants, and now we look back in sad, sweet memory to the past, to mother's window of lovely flowers and her tall Abutilons, so lovely; her favorites of all. Its even a cheer to think of now, after the dear old parents are gone to where flowers never fade, and life never goes out. We remember to never weary in well doing, and one good blessing of this life is our flowers and their pleasant culture, for so many purposes on earth. C. H. Sterner.

Norton Co., Kan.

Floral Friends:—We grew a Hydrangea cluster that measured twenty-nine inches one way and thirty-one the other. The shrub is thirteen years old, has bloomed since 1891, except 1901, when it was too dry. D. I. Foster.

Knox Co., Ill., June 4, 1903.

Dear Mr. Park:—I have been taking your Magazine for three years and think it is so nice. I live in the northwestern part of Colorado, in Routt Co., where the snow gets three feet deep in the winter time. I have a bed of Pansies and last spring they were in bloom just as soon as the snow went off, and they bloomed till the snow came in the fall. I had some of your flower seeds and they grew just lovely. I love all kinds of flowers and so do my sisters. There are lots of wild flowers growing here. Emma Hartzell.

Routt Co., Col., March 8, 1904.

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GOSSIP.

My Dear Floral Friends:—I am a great lover of all kinds of flowers, but Pansies, Roses and Cacti are my favorites. My Pansies are admired by everyone. I have so many varieties, and such large blossoms, sometimes measuring three inches in diameter. Pansies are very hardy and always in bloom. Frost and snow does not hurt them. I have over forty varieties of Roses. Paul Neyron takes the lead in vigor of growth and size of flower. One Rose measured seven inches in diameter. I prize pink La France for its sweet fragrance. I get the best results by growing Roses from cuttings, as transplanting the small plants sets them back one year's growth. The Cacti is an odd but interesting family. They require but very little care, and have such lovely blossoms. I have eight varieties. Six I grow as house plants, and two I brought from my former home, Nebraska. They grow wild there, and I have them on a mound outdoors, and they thrive as well here in Oregon as they did in their native home. I live at the foot of the Siskiyou Mountains, known as the Ashland Canyon. The scenery is very grand and beautiful, and wild flowers grow in profusion. The wild Lilies are my favorites. In April we find the red Lilies and the Dough Lily. The latter has a green blossom with brown spots, and its odor is like that of bread dough. In July we have the tall-growing, large-flowered Mountain Lily. Its spicy fragrance fills the air with rich perfume. If Mr. Park, or any of the floral friends should come to this part of Oregon, at any time, I would be very much pleased to have them call and see my flower garden.

Mrs. A. A. Goble.

Jackson Co., Oreg.

Dear Floral Sisters:—I want to tell you how to treat your Pæonies, Bleedinghearts and such things that come up very early in the spring and the late frosts cuts them off, thus preventing their blossoming, or greatly retarding the same, and mars the beauty of the plants. Take some boxes, remove the tops and bottoms and fill six or eight inches with loose stable litter, after the frosts have killed the tops in the fall. This will hold heat, and you will be surprised to see the ground around free from frost when everything is stiff around it with frost.

Mrs. J. I. Sherman.

Emmet Co., Mich., July 20, 1903.

Mr. Park:—I read and re-read your Magazine and can scarcely wait until the numbers come. I find it very helpful in my floral work.

Mrs. Pattie Vaughan.

Cooper Co., Mo., Sept. 30, 1903.

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GOSSIP.

Dear Floral Friends:—I am an old subscriber to the Magazine and would not do without it for anything. If I want to know anything of a certain plant, I am always sure to find it in the Magazine. I wish some of the Floral friends could see my flower garden in August as it is then in its loveliness. One bed is star shaped; in the center is a barrel in which I planted some Centrosema, and all around are both single and double Portulaca. The lovely vines cover the barrel and are a mass of rosy violet and reddish purple, making a nice contrast with many bright colors of the Portulacas which form the star. This is part of my flower garden. A piece of land twenty by twenty-four feet, on the south side of the house, is surrounded by a nice trellis, and on three sides are planted Sweet Peas, and on one side are Morning Glories. At the base of the Sweet Peas, next the house, are planted dwarf Nasturtiums. Then I have two wheels (taken from an old binder) filled with Pansies; and Lobellias are planted around the edge covering the rim of the wheel. Then I have a row of Mignonne and a nice bed of Cupid Sweet Peas edged with Candytuft and Sweet Alyssum. On the other side of the walk, which is narrower, is a bed of mixed Verbenas, one of Phlox, one of double Petunias, and one of single fringed Petunias. In the center of these four beds I have Mourning Bride, and the whole is so beautiful and costs so little; only three cents a packet for the seeds. It is a wonder people will go without flowers, or be a Nabby Frost.

Mrs. E. T.

Pembina Co., N. Dak., Mar. 31, 1903.

Dear Floral Folks:—I have just received Park's Floral Magazine, and note with much interest a number of letters telling of the success and the pleasure derived in growing Chinese Primroses. Will some of those who have been so successful in growing them please tell us in the Magazine how they start the seeds, as I have tried several times to start them, and have failed? I thought here in Southern California, where the climate is so mild, I would be able to grow them without any trouble. I have been successful with all other kinds of flowers. There is more labor in growing flowers in this southern climate where everything has to be irrigated through the long, dry season. But then it is a labor of love and any one who is willing and able to spend the time and do the work, can have flowers in abundance. The hardy annuals do best if started in August or September.

Mrs. W. Reid.

Los Angeles Co., Cal., July 14, 1903.

Dear Flower-loving Friends:—How many have tried planting the Spotted Calla Lily bulbs in the open ground? Two years ago I planted one on the north side of the house among the Pansies, and it bloomed twice during the summer. This spring I put quite a number in a large box, several have bloomed and more have buds. This fall I shall take the bulbs up and put them away the same as I do my Gladiolus for safe keeping.

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Dear Mr. Park:—I am a girl thirteen years old. My mother has taken your Magazine for several years. She has learned a great many things about plants. I enjoy reading the children's corner very much. Dorothy Brown.

Lucas Co., Ohio, May 4, 1903.

Dear Mr. Park:—As other little folks write letters to you, I thought I would write one too. I am a little boy five years old, and go to school. I have several pets, among which are a little blue kitty and a canary bird which I call, Dick. Mamma has the windows full of plants, some of which are mine. I like flowers.

Ford Co., Kas.

Leroy Anderson.

Dear Mr. Park:—I am a little girl eleven years of age. As my mamma is sending for some flower seeds, I thought I would write you a letter. I go to school and am in the 8th grade. My mamma has taken your Magazine for eight years. For pets I have a cat named Tiger, a calf, a hen, and a lot of toys. I have a little sister, and her name is Kate. Vera A. J. Cole.

Daviess Co., Mo., April 11, 1904.

Dear Mr. Park:—This is my first letter to you. I am a little girl eight years of age. I have a sister and a brother—Loretta and Willie. We get some seeds from you and the plants are blooming finely. We have a large garden and a large fruit garden. Amelia Slegeman.

Orleans Co., La., Aug. 29, 1903.

Dear Mr. Park:—We are two little Colorado boys whose mamma has taken your Magazine for about five years and thinks she cannot do without it. Last spring we left our Canon City home to come to Routt county. We had our yard full of all kinds of flowers. In this new country no one thinks flowers will grow, but mamma says she is sure they will as the wild flowers are beautiful. There are acres of Wild Anemones, Columbines, Daisies, and many other flowers we do not know the names of. The Columbines and Ferns grow three feet high and are lovely. Mamma says we can exchange them for any kind of flowers. We enjoy the Children's Corner of your Magazine. Mamma buys her seeds and flower-plants from you. Frank and Dwight Tinker.

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Ranunculus.—Most of the *Ranunculus* like a rather moist or wet soil and plenty of sun. *R. aconitifolius*, double white, and *R. acris*, double yellow are both hardy, fibrous-rooted plants of the easiest growth, and sure to bloom every season. The Persian sorts are tuberous rooted, require a dry place in winter and are not so reliable. They sometimes fail to bloom, even when the growth of stems and foliage is satisfactory. They should be planted out in the spring, in a partially shaded place. In the fall lift and stand in a dry place to keep over winter.

Tigridia.—A sister from Crawford County, Ohio, saw some white, red, yellow and pink spotted flowers in clumps not unlike the old "Butter and Eggs," and wants to know their name. They were probably *Tigridia* in variety. The flowers are very showy and handsome, and a clump is rarely without bloom during the summer. They are flowers that should be more popular. Treat as you would *Gladiolus*.

Begonias Turning Brown.—When *Begonia* leaves turn brown at the edge and continue to blast until the foliage drops it is mostly due to lack of drainage. Take the plant out of the pot, remove the soil from the roots, and repot in fresh, porous soil with good drainage. Avoid direct sunshine during the heat of the day, and water freely only when the plant is in need of water.

Schrankia uncinata.—This is a native perennial herb with sensitive leaves not unlike Sensitive Plant, the leaf stems and flower stems having hooked prickly flowers in fluffy, rose-colored heads. This plant is sometimes known as Sensitive Briar. It is rather handsome in both foliage and flowers, and its name is frequently enquired about.

Hyacinths.—Double Hyacinths are always double, and single ones single-flowered. The conditions would have to be very favorable or unfavorable to work a change in one or two seasons. When Hyacinths are not true to name it is usually the fault of the grower or the florist in not labeling correctly.

Russelia.—*Russelia juncea* and *R. elegantissima* are both easily propagated from cuttings placed in sand.

QUESTION.

Begonia.—What ails my Am. Beauty *Begonia*? I've had it nearly a year, and only two germs have come, and before they matured the edges dried and curved under. There are no insects that I see to injure it.—Mrs. Peters, Cal.

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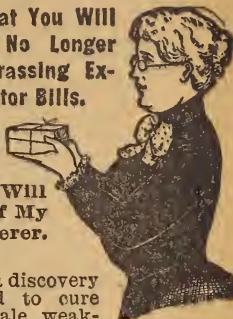
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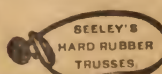
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